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St. Jude

(From a Painting in Rome.)

Life of *Saint Jude Thaddeus*

“THE FORGOTTEN SAINT,” this is a title that is sometimes given to our saint. It is hard to conceive how any saint of God could really be forgotten by men, but this fact may be explained by a certain confusion of names. No doubt it was by reason of the shameful treason of another Jude, Judas Iscariot, that the name of a glorious apostle and martyr has suffered the forgetfulness of men. At all times therefore in our sketch of his life we shall refer to him, not simply as ST. JUDE, but as JUDE THADDEUS lest the name of the martyr be confounded with the name of the traitor. Today more than ever is the merit of JUDE THADDEUS being revived in the minds and the hearts of men. He in return is proving himself more than an ordinary advocate taking special delight in coming to the aid of persons in desperate need. No petition seems too great for him whence he is known as the “Patron In Cases Despaired Of.” Although the name JUDE

THADDEUS has been neglected in the devotions of men it is nevertheless one of the oldest in the calendar of Christ's Church. It has the sanction of antiquity dating back to the call of the Twelve.

Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is ever new and vigorous simply because she is what she is, the great Mother of God. Nor will piety towards St. Joseph ever wither away and die being inseparably connected with the name of Jesus as his foster-father. The name of JUDE THADDEUS, once it is known, should appeal to us for a similar reason, he also being closely allied to Our Blessed Lord by a blood relationship. This singular privilege came to him through St. Anne and St. Joachim, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Being a grand-nephew of these two holy souls he is at once a nephew of Joseph and Mary which of course places him in the relationship of cousin to Our Lord Himself. Proximity to Christ is always a valuable asset, yea even an indispensable one, to a saint, but when it is the nearness of actual relationship to the Saviour of mankind, it becomes a powerful incentive in making man try all the more to endear himself to that saint.

ST. JUDE THADDEUS owed his inception into the world to Cleophas and Mary of Cleophas, his parents. His mother, Mary of Cleophas, brought him up in a youth-hood of piety and innocence, both of which were fostered and augmented by the ever outstanding example of Christ. This example was vouchsafed to him even in his boyhood years, for as cousin of the Saviour he must have frequently been in an intimate association with the Saviour of the world. What events made up the life of JUDE THADDEUS up to the time of the call to apostleship are not known, but this much is certain, when the divine invitation was extended he not only embraced it, but never for a moment allowed his zeal to abate as an apostle. It was zeal and zeal alone which eventually brought to him the much coveted prize of martyrdom. He was not only an Apostle, but also one of the sacred writers. His work is known as "The Epistle of ST. JUDE." Although only a very brief work of twenty verses, the shortest writing of the New Testament, it is remarkable for the strength and grandeur of its language well adapted to the time in which we live, for the

heresies and immoralities of the Simonians and the Gnostics are with us even today. It was against these that ST. JUDE THADDEUS directed his writings. It seems also that he was one of the last of the twelve Apostles to die. He infers this when he writes: "be mindful of the words which have been spoken before by the Apostles."

Proper names, in the early history of mankind, were used not only to designate a certain person, but oftentimes were expressive of some trait, or traits, peculiar to that person. The several names ascribed to our Saint are relevant, enabling us to understand more easily the success that was his all through his apostolic labors. In the Acts of the Apostles he is called simply "Jude," in the Greek text of St. Matthew he is known as "Lebbeus," and in the Vulgate edition of the Bible we hear of him under the appellation of "Thaddeus." The name Juda (or Jude) conveys the idea of confessions or praise, whence Jude would signify a man who boldly confesses Jehovah his God and gives ready praise to the Lord. "Lebbeus," according to the explanation of St. Jerome, means a man of more than ordinary knowl-

edge of the things of God. Both characteristics are invaluable and indispensable in one who is called upon to be an Apostle, but of what worth is dauntless zeal and consummate wisdom if there is a lack of understanding of the human side of life? Where there is a dearth of kindness and proper understanding of men the crumbs of eternal truth falling from the lips of the exponent of the Word of God must necessarily be turned from manna into a bitter herb. How well JUDE THADDEUS understood all this. True to his name "Thaddeus" he seemed to have more than ordinary insight to the problems of those to whom he preached, and this was undoubtedly the secret of his success in his dealings with men . . . "Thaddeus" it must be remembered means sweetness and gentleness of character.

ST. JUDE THADDEUS is represented as wearing a miniature of Our Lord upon his breast. Tradition tells us that when the fame of Our Lord's miracles had reached the king of Edessa (in which country our saint preached and established a church) the king being afflicted with the terrible malady of leprosy sent a messenger to Our Lord beseeching Him to

come and heal him. When the unfortunate king was informed that Our Lord could not gratify his request, he sent an artist to Jerusalem that he might obtain at least a portrait of the Master. Tradition relates that on seeing Christ, the poor artist was so blinded by the divine brightness emanating from the face of Christ that he was powerless to trace even so much as a line. Our Lord, moved with compassion and wishing to console the afflicted king, held a cloth to His own face leaving thereon the image of His own countenance. He then gave it to the poor artist with the injunction to carry it back to the ruler, at the same time promising to send some one to cure him. Tradition has it that JUDE THADDEUS was the one commissioned by Christ to perform the miracle. ST. JUDE needed no credentials. He was immediately recognized as the promised one. The first words of greeting to the king were, "Thou hast faith in the Lord Jesus, therefore He sent me." ST. JUDE then placed his hands upon the king and the hideous sores of leprosy disappeared

with a cure that was both instantaneous and complete. It is related that such were the subsequent miracles of JUDE THADDEUS that, not only the king and his court, but well nigh the entire kingdom of Edessa were converted to the cause of Christ. This incident is given by us to explain the meaning of the miniature of Christ portrayed on the breast of our saint whenever he is represented in statues and pictures.

His labors in Persia give us some idea of the difficulties which so often confronted him in his ministry. This country, infested with magicians who employed their art to deceive, if possible, and foster pagan superstition, made it imperative that these imposters be definitely exposed once and for all times. Invariably ST. JUDE THADDEUS and his companion found traces of two special agents of Satan going in advance of them trying to preclude if possible the efficacy of their work. Their names were Zaroes and Arfaxat, skilled magicians employing their nefarious trickery to dupe the ignorant into a belief of the power of pagan idols to hear and grant requests. The opportunity presented itself to make a complete exposure of the

work of these magicians. God gave a special power to JUDE THADDEUS. In his presence the idols were forced to speak, when commanded by him, to confess the One True God. Then the demons inhabiting the idols were ordered to leave and in so doing the pagan statues fell to the ground and were dashed into a thousand pieces amid a howl of infernal rage. But it was the instigators themselves, the magicians, whom our saint was anxious to meet face to face that he might bring them to the Justice of God. On being informed that they had located themselves in the camp of the Persian army no time was lost by JUDE in gaining entrance to the camp. Verardach, the commander-in-chief, ordered ST. JUDE THADDEUS to advance and make known his mission. Fearless he cried out: "We serve Jesus Christ, and have come to bring you eternal life if you abandon your errors and your worship of the gods." It was a bold assertion to make in the camp of an enemy, but the commander was interested nevertheless, this due to the fact that he had already been informed of the above episode, the fall of the pagan idols at the saint's command.

The commander promised to hear more of the mission of the saint once the onslaught of the impending battle was over. Anxious to know the outcome of the ensuing battle and thinking that perhaps our saint might enlighten him he lost no time in approaching ST. JUDE THADDEUS on the subject. The saint first commanded the idols to make reply to the question. The answer, not too favorable, came back that the war would be long and tedious with many perishing on both sides. At this the commander was very much perplexed and worried. Then the Apostle with great joy exclaimed, "Fear not, Oh Prince! Thy gods lie! 'Tomorrow at this very hour ambassadors will arrive from the enemy's camp to demand peace; they will accept all the conditions you propose and will become your tributaries.'" So completely was the oracle fulfilled that it was only the intercession of ST. JUDE THADDEUS that kept the two wicked magicians from a fate of being burned alive at the stake.

Throughout his entire ministry ST. JUDE THADDEUS was subject to all sorts of persecution and suffering. Our Lord predicted this very thing concerning His Apostles . . . they would be reviled and oftentimes rejected. Notwithstanding his great success it must be remembered that our saint at all

times had to deal with a hard people, a people steeped in the dregs of immorality. They were loath to surrender impure habits sanctioned by a custom of long standing. But the acceptance of Christianity meant customs diametrically opposed to this, whence the doctrine of the All-Pure Christ was obnoxious to their pagan ears. It was this very thing that provoked and eventually brought about his martyrdom and death and those unwilling to embrace the new doctrine waited impatiently for the day when vengeance could be meted out. The eventful day came, a day of victory for the enemies, but a day of great joy for JUDE THADDEUS now that the coveted prize was within reach. It is a custom in the Church to represent her martyrs in statuary with the instrument of torture that made possible for them the crown of immortality. St. Stephen is represented with stones as an emblem upon his shield signifying that he was stoned to death for Christ; the emblem of St. Peter and his brother is the cross, of St. Paul the sword, of St. Lawrence a grid-iron, of St. Sebastian an arrow, etc. These were the instruments of their combat and victory. And so we have JUDE THADDEUS represented with a club in his hand, not

that he used it in combat, but to make known to us that it was with this that he was put to death for Christ. Traditions tells us that after he was clubbed into insensibility his head was severed from his body with a broadax. The Church assures us that his pure soul winged its way heavenward immediately after his martyrdom and that his name was written in beaming letters of gold at the base of the throne of the Most High. ST. JUDE THADDEUS, the "Forgotten Saint" . . . forgotten by men perhaps, but not by God.

His last mortal remains now lie in the great basilica of St. Peter in Rome. Pope Paul III, in a brief dated September 22, 1548, granted a plenary indulgence to all who would visit his tomb on the day commemorating his death, October 28 . . . the date of his feast. This, we believe, is a very significant fact, for, plenary indulgences were rarely granted in the Middle Ages. It is proof manifest that his intercessory power must have been felt then in no mean manner. All the saints, of course, have power with God since they are the special friends of God, but the fact cannot be denied that some have been permitted to make their influence felt more than others. The why and the wherefore belong to God alone. The history of St.

JUDE THADDEUS, both as to his sojourn upon earth and his relation to his clients now, prove that God has vouchsafed him an extraordinary power in cases where others have failed. It is especially in difficult cases that his wonderful help is experienced. Thousands have implored his aid and have lived to see their prayers answered in an extraordinary and even miraculous manner even when to all human calculation the petition seemed hopeless. Venerable Columba, a Dominican nun, was a most ardent devotee of ST. JUDE, and she lived to see many a petition of grave and serious nature granted through his prayers. Another client among the saints was none other than the immortal St. Bernard of Clairvaux. During his entire life he never ceased to invoke ST. JUDE THADDEUS and to make use of his relic when the dark clouds of adversity surrounded him. When saint calls upon saint we who are sinners should take courage and invoke that one, as St. Bernard did when he sought the prayers of ST. JUDE. Even though it be a malady defying all human skill, even though it be a sickness for which there is no apparent remedy, even though it be anguish of soul and distress of heart, poverty, misery, yea

even despair, go to JUDE THADDEUS, cousin of Our Lord, and he will show you a way out of your troubles, if not through your own solution, at least by a better one conceived of in the mind of the One above us all and in us all. There is no problem so perplexing for which JUDE THADDEUS, "Patron In Cases Despaired Of," cannot find a solution, thereby bringing joy and gladness to you.

Many are the ways of incurring the favor of ST. JUDE THADDEUS. Some approach by making systematic visits to the Blessed Sacrament, as for example nine consecutive weekly Holy Hours offered as a novena, others by making a consecutive number of Communions in his honor, others by means of a triduum or novena of Masses, others by participating in the public solemn novenas held at the Shrine. Choose whichever way pleases you most so long as you remember that the surest way to approach ST. JUDE THADDEUS is to prove yourself worthy of the divine favor. ST. JUDE THADDEUS, pray for us. May your good prayers be answered through him so that once you have learned to know him, you will give proof manifest of your gratitude by spreading love and devotion to "The Unknown Saint" and "Patron In Difficult and Despaired Of Cases."

The Epistle of St. Jude

The time of the writing of this Epistle is uncertain. From Verse 17 it may be inferred that at any time few of the Apostles were living except St. John. ST. JUDE inveighs against the heresies and immorality of the Siconians, Nicholaites and Gnostics. He exhorts the faithful to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints.

JUDE, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James: to them that are beloved in God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called.

2. Mercy unto you, and peace, and charity be fulfilled.

3. Dearly beloved, taking all care to write unto you concerning your common salvation, I was under a necessity to write unto you; to beseech you to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints.

4. For certain men are secretly entered in (who were written of long ago unto this judgment), ungodly men, turning the

grace of our Lord God into riotousness, and denying the only sovereign Ruler, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. I will therefore admonish you, though ye once knew all things, that Jesus, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, did afterwards destroy them that believed not:

6. And the angels who kept not their principality, but forsook their own habitation, He hath reserved under darkness in everlasting chains, unto the judgment of the great day.

7. As Sodom and Gomorrha, and the neighboring cities, in like manner, having given themselves to fornication, and going after other flesh, were made an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire.

8. In like manner these men also defile the flesh, and despise dominion and blaspheme majesty.

9. When Michael the archangel, disputing with the devil, contended about the body of Moses, he durst not bring against him the judgment of railing speech, but said: The Lord command thee.

10. But these men blaspheme whatever things they know not: and what things soever they naturally know, like dumb beasts, in these they are corrupted.

11. Woe unto them, for they have gone in the way of Cain: and after the error of Balaam they have for reward poured out themselves and have perished in the contradiction of Core.

12. These are spots in their banquets, feasting together without fear, feeding themselves, clouds without water, which are carried about by winds, trees of the autumn, unfruitful, twice dead, plucked up by the roots.

13. Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own confusion; wandering stars, to whom the storm of darkness is reserved forever.

14. Now of these Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying: Behold, the Lord cometh with thousands of His saints.

15. To execute judgment upon all, and to reprove all the ungodly for all works of their ungodliness, whereby they have done ungodly, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against God.

16. These are murmurers, full of complaints, walking according to their own desires, and their mouth speaketh proud things, admiring persons for gain's sake.

17. But you, my dearly beloved, be mindful of the words which have been

spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

18. Who told you, that in the last time there should come mockers, walking according to their own desires in ungodlinesses.

19. These are they, who separate themselves, sensual men, having not the Spirit.

20. But you, my beloved, building yourselves upon your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

21. Keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, until life everlasting.

22. And some indeed reprove, being judged:

23. But others save pulling them out of the fire. And on others have mercy, in fear, hating also the spotted garment which is carnal.

24. Now to him who is able to preserve you without sin, and to present you spotless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

25. To the only God our Saviour through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory and magnificence, empire and power, before all ages, and now, and for all ages of ages. Amen.

Devotional Prayers to
St. Jude Thaddeus
NOVENA PRAYERS
(First Form)

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O glorious apostle, ST. JUDE THADDEUS, true relative of Jesus and Mary I salute thee through the most Sacred Heart of Jesus! Through this Heart I praise and thank God for all the graces He has bestowed upon thee. Humbly prostrate before thee, I implore thee through this Heart to look down upon me with compassion. Oh, despise not my poor prayer; let not my trust be confounded! To thee God has granted the privilege of aiding mankind in the most desperate cases. Oh, come to my aid, that I may praise the mercies of God! All my life I will be grateful to thee and will be thy faithful client until I can thank thee in heaven. Amen.

Priest: "Blessed Apostle, with confidence, we invoke thee!"

People: "Blessed Apostle, with confidence we invoke thee!"

Priest: "ST. JUDE, help of the hopeless, aid me in my distress."

People: "ST. JUDE, help of the hopeless, aid me in my distress."

PRAY FOR US, that we before death may expiate all our sins by sincere repentance and the worthy reception of the holy sacraments.

Pray for us, that we may appease the Divine Justice and obtain a favorable judgment.

Pray for us, that we may be admitted into the company of the blessed to rejoice in the presence of our God forever.

The following prayer to be recited by both priest and people, the latter repeating the words after him.

MOST holy apostle, ST. JUDE THADDEUS, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered thy beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused thee to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes thee universally as the patron of hopeless cases and of things despaired of. Pray for me who am so miserable; make use, I implore thee, of that particular privilege accorded to thee to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the conso-

lations and succor of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (*here make your request*) and that I may bless God with thee and all the elect throughout eternity.

I promise thee, O blessed JUDE, to be ever mindful of this great favor, and I will never cease to honor thee as my special and powerful patron and to do all in my power to encourage devotion to thee. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc., *three times*.

ST. JUDE THADDEUS, pray for us.
And for all who invoke thy aid.

Prayer for a Happy Death

OH, MY Lord and Saviour, support me in that hour in the strong arms of Thy Sacraments, and by the fresh fragrance of Thy consolations. Let the absolving words be said over me, and the holy oil sign and seal me, and Thy own Body be my food, and Thy Blood my sprinkling; and let my sweet Mother, Mary breathe on me, and my Angel whisper peace to me, and my glorious Saints . . . smile upon me; that in them all and

through them all, I may receive the gift of perseverance, and die, as I desire to live, in Thy faith, in Thy Church, in Thy service and in Thy love. Amen.—*Cardinal Newman.*

MAY He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done! Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last!—*Cardinal Newman.*



Novena Prayers
(Second Form)

Litany of St. Jude Thaddeus

(FOR PRIVATE USE ONLY)

LORD, have mercy on us.

LORD Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us!*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us!

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us!*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us!*

ST. JUDE, relative of Jesus and Mary, *pray for us!*

ST. JUDE, while on earth deemed worthy to see Jesus and Mary and to enjoy their company, *pray for us!*

ST. JUDE, raised to the dignity of an apostle, *pray for us!*

ST. JUDE, who hadst the honor of beholding thy Divine Master humble Himself to wash thy feet, *pray for us!*

ST. JUDE, who at the Last Supper didst receive the Holy Eucharist from the hands of Jesus, *pray for us!*

ST. JUDE, who after the profound grief which the death of thy beloved Master

caused thee, hadst the consolation of beholding Him risen from the dead, and of assisting at His glorious Ascension, *pray for us!*

ST. JUDE, who wast filled with the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, *pray for us.*

ST. JUDE, who didst preach the Gospel in Persia, *pray for us!*

ST. JUDE, who didst convert many people to the Faith, *pray for us!*

ST. JUDE, who didst perform wonderful miracles in the power of the Holy Ghost, *pray for us!*

ST. JUDE, who didst restore an idolatrous king to health, both of soul and body, *pray for us!*

ST. JUDE, who didst impose silence on demons, and confound their oracles, *pray for us!*

ST. JUDE, who didst foretell to a weak prince an honorable peace with his powerful enemy, *pray for us!*

ST. JUDE, who didst take from deadly serpents the power of injuring man, *pray for us!*

ST. JUDE, who, disregarding the threats of the impious, didst courageously preach the doctrine of Christ, *pray for us!*

ST. JUDE, who didst gloriously suffer martyrdom for the love of thy Divine Master, *pray for us!*

BLESSED apostle, with confidence, we invoke thee!

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ST. JUDE, help of the hopeless, aid me in my distress!

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THAT by thy intercession both priests and people of the Church may obtain an ardent zeal for the Faith of Jesus Christ, *we beseech thee, hear us!*

That thou wouldst defend our Sovereign Pontiff and obtain peace and unity for the Holy Church, *we beseech thee, hear us!*

That all heathens and unbelievers may be converted to the true Faith, *we beseech thee, hear us!*

That faith, hope and charity may increase in our hearts, *we beseech thee, hear us!*

That we may be delivered from all evil thoughts, and from all the snares of the devil, *we beseech thee, hear us!*

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to aid and
protcet all those who honor thee, *we
beseech thee, hear us!*

That thou wouldst preserve us from all sin
and from all occasion of sin, *we beseech
thee, hear us!*

That thou wouldst defend us at the hour of
death, against the fury of the devil and
his evil spirits, *we beseech thee, hear us!*

LAMB of God, Who takest away the sins
of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of
the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of
the world, *have mercy on us, O Lord.*

LET US PRAY.

O ST. JUDE THADDEUS, thou relative of
Jesus Christ, thou glorious apostle and
martyr, renowned for thy virtues and mir-
acles, faithful and prompt intercessor of all
who honor thee and trust in thee! Thou
art a powerful patron and helper in griev-
ous afflictions. I come to thee and entreat
thee from the depth of my heart, come to
my aid with thy powerful intercession, for
thou hast received from God the privilege
to assist with thy manifest help, those who
almost despair of all hope. Look down
upon me; my life is a life of crosses, my
days are days of tribulation, and my heart

is an ocean of bitterness. All my paths are strewn with thorns and scarcely one moment passes but is witness of my tears and sighs. And withal, my soul is enveloped in darkness! Disquietude, discouragement, mistrust, yes, sometimes even a kind of despair preys upon my soul. Divine Providence seems lost to my sight, and Faith seems to falter in my heart. Overwhelmed by these thoughts, I see myself surrounded by a dark cloud.

Thou canst not forsake me in this sad plight. I will not depart from thee until thou hast heard me. Oh! hasten to my aid. I will be grateful to thee all my life. I will honor thee as my special patron, I will thank God for the graces bestowed upon thee, and will propagate thy honor according to my power. Amen.

ST. JUDE THADDEUS, pray for us.

And for all who invoke thy aid.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(To be said when a favor has been granted)

O MOST sweet Lord Jesus Christ, in union with the unutterable heavenly praise with which the Most Holy Trinity extols itself and which thence flows upon Thy Sacred Humanity, upon Mary, upon all

the angels and saints, I praise, glorify and bless Thee for all the graces and privileges Thou hast bestowed upon Thy chosen apostle and intimate friend, JUDE THADDEUS. I pray Thee for the sake of his merits, grant me Thy grace, and through his intercession come to my aid in all my needs, but especially at the hour of my death deign to strengthen me against the rage of my enemies. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc., *three times.*



A Visit to the Blessed Sacrament

GUARDIAN ANGEL

Jesus is very lonely. He is weary for those whom He loves, but who forget Him. Let us visit Him. Walk gently: the church is a holy place; God is here. Kneel and adore Him. It delights the Heart of Jesus to have you near Him; listen to His sweet voice.

JESUS

My Child, you need not know much in order to please Me; only love Me dearly. Speak to Me as you would to your mother if she had taken you in her arms. Have you no one to recommend to Me? Tell Me the names of your relatives, of your friends; after each name add what you wish Me to do for its bearer. Ask a great deal; I love generous hearts that forget themselves for others. Tell me about the poor whom you wish to help, the sick whom you have seen suffer, the sinners whom you would convert, the persons who are alienated from you and whose affections you wish to win back. For all recite a fervent prayer. Remind Me that I have promised to grant every prayer that comes from the heart; and surely those prayers are heartfelt which we say for those whom we love.

Have you no favors to ask for yourself? Recall all the needs of your soul, and tell them to Me. Tell Me simply how self-indulgent you are, how proud, sensitive, selfish, cowardly, idle. Ask Me to help you to improve. Poor child, do not repine. There are in Heaven many Saints who had the same faults as you; they prayed to Me, and little by little they were cured. Do not hesitate to ask Me for the gift, of body and mind—for health, memory, success. I can give you everything, and I always grant requests for gifts that will make souls more holy. What do you want today, My child? Oh, if you knew how I longed to do you good!

Have you no plans to interest you? Tell Me all about them. Do they concern your vocation? What do you think of? What would you like? Are you planning some pleasure for one dear to you? What do you wish to do? And have you no thoughts of zeal for Me? Do you not care to do a little good for the souls of those whom you love, and who, perhaps, forget Me? Tell Me of those who interest you, what motive urges you, what means you wish to take to do them good.

Confide in Me your failures. I will show you the cause. Whom do you wish to see

interested in your works? I am the Master of all hearts, and I lead them gently where I please. I will place about you those who are necessary to you, never fear!

Have you nothing to trouble you? My child, tell Me of all your little crosses. Who has pained you? Who has wounded your self-love? Who has treated you contemptuously? Tell Me all; and then say you forgive and forget, and I will give you My blessing.

Do you dread something painful? Is there in your soul a vague fear which seems unreasonable, and yet torments you? Trust fully in My Providence. I am here; I see everything; I will not abandon you.

Are there about you friends who seem less kind than formerly—who neglect you through indifference or forgetfulness without your having consciously done anything to wound them? Pray for them, and I will restore them to you if their companionship be good for you.

Have you no joys to tell Me? Why not confide to Me your pleasure? Tell Me what has happened since yesterday to console you, to make you happy, to give you joy. All this, My child, I obtained for you. Why are you not grateful? Why do you not say “I thank You”? Gratitude insures

further benefits, and the benefactor loves to be reminded of his bounty.

Have you no promise to make Me? You know I search in hearts. Men are deceived, but not I; be frank.

Are you resolved to avoid that occasion of sin, to give up the object which leads you astray, to withdraw your friendship from that person who is irreligious and whose presence disturbs the peace of your soul? Will you go at once and be kind to that companion who offended you?

Well, My child, go now and resume your daily work. Be silent, modest, patient, charitable, prayerful; love the Blessed Virgin dearly; and tomorrow bring Me a heart even more devoted and loving. Tomorrow I will have new favors for you.



O SALUTARIS

O salutaris Hostia
Quae coeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria.

TANTUM ERGO

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.
Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

- v. Panem de coelo praestitisti eis. (Alleluia).
r. Omne delectamentum in se habentem.
(Alleluia).

LAUDATE DOMINUM

Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes: laudate eum,
omnes populi:

Quoniam confirmata est super nos, misericordia
ejus: et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

Gloria Patri et Filio: et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper: et
in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Hymn to St. Jude

*(Sung to the melody of Dear Guardian of
Mary—St. Basil's Hymnal)*

Apostle of Jesus
A martyr-saint of old
The cousin of our Saviour
Of whom, thy love hath told
A writer of the scriptures
With tongues of fire aflame.
The worker great of wonders
In Jesus Holy Name
The worker great of wonders,
In Jesus Holy Name.

St. Jude, tho oft forgotten
Thou shalt remembered be
We hail thee now in glory
And have recourse to thee
For help, for the despairing
When hopeless seems the task
And from the Heart of Jesus
Thru thee we favors ask
And from the Heart of Jesus
Thru thee we favors ask.

We've sung our prayer of pleading
To thee St. Jude the blest
For hearts in sorrow bleeding
That sorely are distressed;
With thine our prayers are blending
And hope our hearts doth fill
On thee St. Jude depending
Resigned to Heaven's will.
On thee St. Jude depending
Resigned to Heaven's will.

The Rosary

PROMISES OF MARY, QUEEN OF THE ROSARY

(To St. Dominic and Blessed Alan)

1. To all who recite my Rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and very great graces.
2. The Rosary will make virtue and good works flourish, and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies; it will substitute in hearts love of God for love of the world, elevate them to desire heavenly and eternal goods. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means!
3. Those who shall recite my Rosary piously, considering its mysteries, will not be overwhelmed by misfortunes, nor die a bad death. The sinner will be converted, the just will grow in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
4. I will deliver very promptly from purgatory the souls devoted to my Rosary.
5. What you shall ask through the Rosary you shall obtain.
6. Those who propagate my Rosary will obtain through me aid in all their necessities.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

The Five Joyful Mysteries are:

The Annunciation.

The Visitation.

The Birth of our Lord.

The Presentation.

The Finding in the Temple.

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries are:

The Agony in the Garden.

The Scourging.

The Crowning with Thorns.

The Carrying of the Cross.

The Crucifixion.

The Five Glorious Mysteries are:

The Resurrection.

The Ascension.

The Coming of the Holy Ghost.

The Assumption.

The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin.

After the Rosary

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that, meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Object of the Shrine

To spread devotion to ST. JUDE THAD-DEUS, "Forgotten Saint" and "Patron of Difficult Cases."

Services at the Shrine *Spiritual Benefits*

Every morning throughout the year a special Mass is offered for the intentions placed at the Shrine, and for the members of the St. Jude Apostolate.

Every Friday morning after the 9 o'clock Mass, the Novena Prayers are said.

Every Friday evening the ST. JUDE Holy Hour is held from 8 to 9.

4 Solemn Novenas Each Year

During each Novena there are Twenty-Seven Special Masses offered for members.

You May Share These Spiritual Benefits

- 1.—By sending your petitions ANY TIME with the request that they be placed on the Shrine Altar near the Sacred Relic, and prayed for during your own novenas made *Publicly or Privately at home*. YOU are urged to make us aware of your *thanksgivings*.
- 2.—If you desire a novena of VOTIVE LIGHTS to be burned before the Shrine during your own Novenas—\$1.00 will cover the expense.
- 3.—By joining the St. Jude Apostolate whose yearly members contribute \$1.00 per year toward the Dominican Missions, members enjoy every Spiritual benefit at the Shrine, as well as all the good works, Masses, prayers of the Dominican Fathers and Novices and Students in the world.
- 4.—Those who make an offering of \$10.00 are considered perpetual benefactors of the Dominican Order, and PERPETUAL MEMBERS of the APOSTOLATE.

How to Make a Novena

SOLEMN NOVENA OF (9) CONSECUTIVE DAYS

Attend one of the exercises at the Shrine for the nine days. As there are several exercises a day choose the hour designated on the leaflet most convenient for you, but you need not attend the same service each day should another service at the Shrine be more suitable on that particular day. Follow the exercises as they are conducted. You should if at all possible, go to confession and communion during the novena. If you can't go to communion at the regular Novena Mass you may receive in your own church. Should unforeseen circumstances make it impossible to attend one of the novena services, the novena prayers should be said at home on that one day. Those out of town can and should say the novena prayers at home during the nine days.

PRIVATE NOVENA DURING THE YEAR OUTSIDE OF SOLEMN NOVENA TIME.

Everything above applies except that the prayers are recited privately at home or in church.

NOVENA OF NINE FRIDAYS

Start your novena on one particular Friday and persevere for nine consecutive Fridays. For those living in town novena services are conducted by the Dominican Fathers for the convenience of people, every Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

For any of the above Novenas votive lights can be arranged for so that they burn at the Shrine during your novena.

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